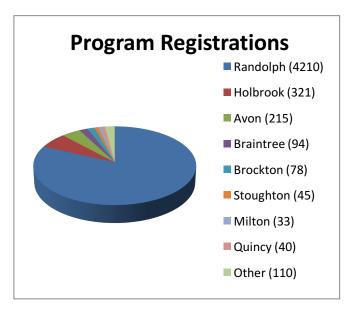
## REPORT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Over the last 12 months the Elder Affairs and Recreation Departments have worked together on our central mission of bringing quality programs, events and services to the residents of Randolph. Much of the focus of the collaboration centered around the design of Randolph's first Intergenerational Community Center to Randolph and major events; Senior Olympics, Randolph Carnival, Night Before the 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, Harvest Hoopla, and Winterfest

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Recreation Department's responsibilities are to oversee the operation of recreational programming throughout the Town of Randolph. The Recreation Department administers adult and children programs, educational and athletic activities, trips, and special events.

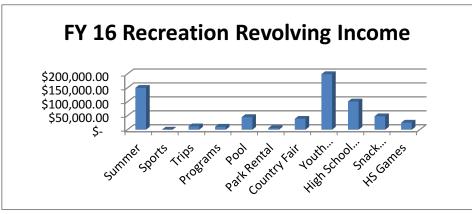


In addition, our responsibilities include the operation and management of the Joseph J. Zapustas Ice Arena, the Randolph Community Pool, the Imagination Station Playground, Williams Gazebo, Arts in the Park Summer Concert Series and Power's Farm,

Throughout the year, the Recreation Department continued providing a wide variety of programs for the community: February and April School Vacation Programs for grades K-6, a Boys and Girls Youth Basketball League, an instructional K-2 basketball program, a

Father/Daughter Dance, theater productions, swim lessons, water aerobics and summer programs. During the Summer the Recreation Department runs four full day summer camps including a daily program for children ages 3-6, a daily program for K- 6<sup>th</sup> graders, a teen program for 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> graders, and for K-6<sup>th</sup> graders for children with developmental disabilities.

Throughout the year the Recreation Department generated over \$865,570. These funds are used to subsidize recreation programs, full-time and part-time staff, recreation facility maintenance, as well as utilities for the Zapustas Arena.



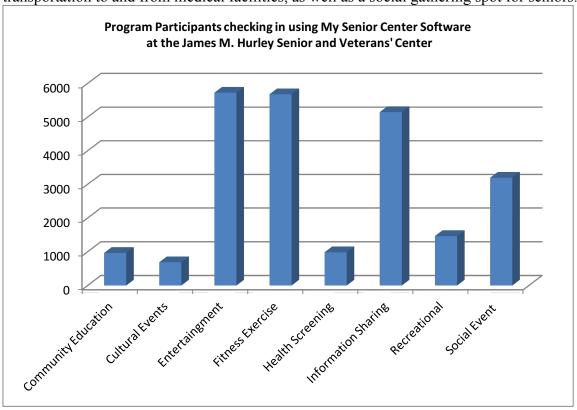
New initiatives in FY 16 included Powers Farm Programs and the Cochato Challenge Course in Belcher Park. We are very proud of the success of the free programs at Powers Farm. Each day Wednesday-Sunday, Recreation Staff administered free programs ranging from kayak lessons to guided trail walks to historic tours. In addition to free programs daily kayak and canoe rentals were also available. The Cochatto Challenge

Course in Belcher Park was constructed in December 2014 in partnership with the "Our Common Backyards" Grant and Community Preservation. This low ropes challenge course has changed the landscape of Belcher Park by offering active recreation to all residents of Randolph in a picturesque setting

The Recreation Department would like to thank our staff including the seasonal summer staff, the Randolph Community Pool lifeguards, the Zapustas Arena Rink and Snack Bar staff. Furthermore, I would like to offer my sincere appreciation for all the hard work from the Recreation Department full time staff; Keri Sullivan, Robyn Rinehart, Brendan Sullivan and Terri Phinney.

## ELDER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Randolph Elder Affairs enhances the quality of life for Randolph residents who are at least 60 years old, as mandated by the Older American Act. Our goal is to provide for the physical, social, and emotional needs of seniors, helping them to lead independent, stimulating and self-reliant lives at home. Our Outreach Program and Senior Center provide a central delivery system for information, a wide variety of programs, transportation to and from medical facilities, as well as a social gathering spot for seniors.



In May, the Elder Affair and Recreation Department worked together to bring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Senior Olympics to Randolph. Over 125 seniors participated in a variety of activities ranging from a 2 mile walk to shot put to bowling.

Over the course of the year, grant money was used to provide two Outreach Workers, a Bi-lingual Friendly Visitor, Bi-Lingual Caregiver Support Services, office support staff, and over 20 programs or events. Additionally, a variety of grants cover medical transportation using our two senior vans and/or South Shore Community Action Council vans.

We have held many events to support our seniors. In February, we celebrated the Chinese New Year. We organized a Community Health Fair in September offering seniors a wide range of services in one location. In October we held our first Halloween Party with scary stories and even a costume contest. To close out the year, we were honored to host John Moriarty playing the piano at our Senior Christmas Pizza Party. All of these events were offered at little to no cost. In addition to these events the Elder Affair Department is an active participant in many Town-Wide events including the Night Before the 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, Harvest Hoopla, and Winterfest.

We would like to thank Panera Bread and Sudbury Farms for their continued support of the "Bread Program", which offers free bakery items at the Senior Center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We would like recognize the work of Gerry Good the COA President, along with the rest of the Council on Aging as well as Brenda Margolis and the President of the Friends of the Randolph Seniors. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude towards the Joanne Coffman and the rest staff and volunteers of the James M. Hurley Senior and Veterans' Center for all their hard work and dedication to helping the seniors of this community.

Respectfully Submitted, Marc Craig Director of Community Programming